

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A TRIBUTE TO VERNON YOUNG

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Vernon Young, an Iowan and a World War II Navy veteran, for joining Des Moines North High School's Class of 2013 and accepting his diploma after more than seven decades.

Vernon Young, now age 88, was set to graduate from North High School in the spring of 1942. However, Mr. Young's plans for the future drastically changed as a result of the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Vernon wasted no time to answer the call of service and enlisted with the United States Navy a day after the attack. One short month later, he was deployed and contributing to America's pivotal and ultimately successful war effort.

Mr. Young served honorably and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree after being accepted to school on the basis of equivalency criteria—but he never attained his high school diploma. Now, more than 70 years later on May 24, 2013, Vernon, adorned in a green cap and gown, crossed the stage of North High School's 2013 graduation ceremony to receive it. At the ceremony, Vernon's older brother Marion Young was also honored for his service and sacrifice in World War II. Marion, a 1939 graduate of North High School and an enlisted service member, was killed in action during the war.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that the selflessness and patriotism displayed by these brothers is truly extraordinary and a proud testament to the Iowa spirit. The efforts put forth by our country's greatest generation in a time of worldwide combat and uncertainty defined the prosperous and free nation that future generations continue to love and enjoy today. It is a great honor to represent veterans like Vernon Young in the United States Congress, and I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating him as both a veteran and as an official high school graduate. In all he has done, Vernon continues to be an example that our state and nation can be proud of.

### TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LAWRENCE VANCE

#### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of West Virginia National Guard Command Sergeant Major Lawrence Ray Vance. CSM Vance's service is one of honor and devotion; to which the people of West Virginia and the

United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Lawrence Vance began serving his country in 1971 when he enlisted in the United States Army. Following a short stint as a civilian, Vance joined the WVNG in 1975 and embarked on a journey that would take him around the globe. He began as an Armor Crewman at Fort Hood, Texas and gained extensive experience as a Tank Commander at Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Benning, Georgia; Ferris Barracks, Germany; and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He returned to WV in 1981 as a Motor Sergeant with the WVNG, later earning the rank of Command Sergeant Major after completing the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Course in June of 2005. In the same year, he was promoted to the fourth highest position of leadership in the WVNG, State Enlisted Leader.

CSM Vance has received a host of awards and decorations throughout his service to our country, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medals, and Reserve Components Achievement Medals, among many others. In addition to the federal awards, CSM Vance received state recognition in the form of multiple WV Achievement Ribbons, Emergency Service Ribbons, State Service Ribbons, and Minute Man Ribbons, as well as a North Carolina Achievement Ribbon for his service to the state.

CSM Vance lives in Charleston, West Virginia with his wife, Ute. Together they have five children and sixteen grandchildren, many of whom followed their father's footsteps through work in the military or ministry.

On May 31, 2013 CSM Vance will retire from the WVNG after 38 years, 5 months, and 18 days of commendable service. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of West Virginia and the United States of America, I would like to thank CSM Lawrence Vance for his years of selfless service to our state and country.

### TRIBUTE TO KAREN L. DELLAROCCHO

#### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of an individual whose meritorious civil service to our country has come to a close after 38 years. My staff and I came to know Karen L. Dellaroccho through her work as Legislative Specialist at the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), but her storied career with the federal government began back in 1975 when Karen joined the Department of Defense as a clerk typist. Karen's talent and professionalism became apparent immediately as she quickly rose through the ranks to become a Department of the Army Protocol Officer. In 1990,

she began work with BOP at Federal Correctional Institution Petersburg, Virginia and seven years later, transitioned to the BOP's Office of Legislative Affairs where she served until her retirement last month in May 2013.

My staff tells me that Karen's customer service to the Congress is simply unparalleled, and that she has always approached her work with enthusiasm, professionalism, fairness and attention to detail. With her retirement, Karen will be deeply missed by my office and every Capitol Hill office which she has faithfully served. Unquestionably, Congress has lost a kind-hearted and talented Legislative Affairs counterpart who will be appreciated for her humor, hard work and ever-present willingness to lend a helping hand.

Karen is an avid antiquer, gardener and traveler—and a friend to many. We wish you all the best in your retirement. Congratulations.

### BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Business Incubator Center of Grand Junction, Colorado. Founded in 1987, the Business Incubator Center is a private non-profit organization with the sole mission of fostering economic growth and entrepreneurial spirit in Western Colorado. Earlier this year, the Business Incubator Center was named "Incubator of the Year" by the National Business Incubation Association for the second time in its 25 year history.

Working with both start-up and established businesses in the Grand Junction area, the Business Incubator Center has played a significant role in building and maintaining thousands of businesses. Over the past 25 years, the Business Incubator Center has helped launch more than 575 businesses in the community, which have gone on to generate more than \$156 million in revenue, and create more than 10,000 jobs. The impact the Business Incubator Center has had on the community is immeasurable.

In both 1996 and 2013, BIC was chosen by the National Business Incubation Association as America's top incubator, well deserved honors for this vital organization that has led to the creation of so many jobs. The success of the Business Incubator Center's model has sparked innovation and fostered prosperity for thousands of Coloradans. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize The Business Incubator Center of Grand Junction, Colorado for its commitment to the economic development of Western Colorado.

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IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH JORDAN  
GIBSON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and truly one of a kind woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Viola Jordan Gibson. Sadly, Mrs. Gibson passed away on Monday, May 27, 2013. A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

The oldest of five children born to Alonza T. Jordan, Sr. and Olive Scott Jordan, Mrs. Gibson was born and reared in Petersburg, Virginia. She graduated with honors from Peabody High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Virginia State College. She earned a Master of Science degree in English Education from Tuskegee Institute. She also studied at Georgia State University and American University.

Mrs. Gibson came to live in Columbus, Georgia when she accompanied her husband, Elwood T. Gibson, Sr., on his military assignment to Fort Benning during World War II. She joined First African Baptist Church and for the next 60 years plus, she served the church faithfully in many capacities, including the Rebekah Missionary Circle, Deaconesses Ministry, and the Music Ministry. In addition to showcasing her lovely voice as a soloist in the Senior and Smithsonian choirs, she served as a director and pianist for the Youth Choir. Due to her devoted leadership and service, the women of First African selected her to chair the Women's Day Program in 1972, and in 2000, the Women's Day Program was dedicated to her. Mrs. Gibson and her husband co-chaired the church's anniversary in 1993.

Mrs. Gibson began her teaching career while still in Virginia and when she moved to Columbus, she taught briefly at South Girard High School in Phenix City, Alabama. Shortly thereafter, she was employed to teach at the historic William Henry Spencer High School in Columbus before joining her husband on a three-year tour in Germany. Extensive travel in Germany, Italy and Austria provided experiences which enhanced her teaching skills upon her return to the Muscogee County School System. In 1968, Mrs. Gibson was one of two black teachers selected to be transferred to Jordan High School when schools in Muscogee County were desegregated. Well respected at Jordan High, she was the faculty sponsor of the Frank David Chapter of the National Honor Society for 14 years until her retirement in 1991, after 42 years as an educator.

Mrs. Gibson was not only an English teacher, she was also a dedicated mentor who taught her students to be of service to others. And she herself epitomized a life of service. She was a Golden Soror and Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In 1979, she was elected Soror of the Year by the Gamma Tau Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and was honored for her 20 years as chairman of the Senior Citizens Luncheon at which time the chapter changed the event's name to the "Elizabeth Gibson Senior Citizens Luncheon." She was a Plat-

inum member of the Links, Incorporated, as well as a member of the Columbus Community Center Board of Directors; Muscogee Retired Educators Association; West Central Georgia Chapter of American Red Cross Board of Directors; and the American Cancer Society Board of Directors. She was also a charter member of the local chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the Mr. and Mrs. Club; a member of the Pleasure Seekers Club; was named in the Model Club's first list of "The Columbus Ten Best Dressed Black Women" and was among the club's first "Hall of Fame" inductees. Fondly called "Gip" by her friends, she was known as a shopper extraordinaire.

Mrs. Gibson was preceded in death by her beloved husband of sixty years, Elwood T. Gibson, Sr.; her sister, Mildred J. Campbell; and her brother, Alonza "Buzzy" Jordan, II. She is survived by her children; Olive, Elwood, Andre and Alan; her brothers, Benjamin Jordan and Samuel Jordan; her nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mrs. Elizabeth Viola Jordan Gibson passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. Her smile, her affectionate mentorship, her beautiful singing voice, and her warm, shining presence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 700,000 people of the Second Congressional District salute Mrs. Gibson for her outstanding achievements, service, and public distinction. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Gibson's family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

#### WITNESSES TO TIANANMEN SQUARE

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, following is the article I referred to earlier today in my one-minute speech.

[From the Washington Post, June 2, 2013]

WITNESSES TO TIANANMEN SQUARE STRUGGLE  
WITH WHAT TO TELL THEIR CHILDREN

(By William Wan)

BEIJING.—From a young age, Qi Zhiyong's daughter asked him how he lost his leg.

To everyone else in the world, Qi always responded to the question with an unflinching, often angry, answer: He lost his left leg when soldiers fired on him and other unarmed civilians during protests at Tiananmen Square in one of modern history's most brutal crackdowns.

But when his daughter asked, Qi choked back the words.

"I lost it in an accident," he mumbled for years.

The lie, however, burned at him, he said.

In the 2½ decades since the protests' violent end, China's government has largely scrubbed Tiananmen from history. Bullet holes on the streets of Beijing have long been patched over. The government has barred any independent inquiry and censored all mention online. Instead, Tiananmen Square has been reduced to a single euphemistic sentence in most school textbooks, making vague reference to "political turbulence in 1989."

But for those who were part of the student-led protests against government repression and corruption, those dark morning hours of June 4, 1989, remain etched in memory and, in cases like Qi's, on their bodies. That generation must now decide what to tell their children about that day, if anything at all.

For many, the decision is colored by how their own views have changed over time. In interviews with more than a dozen survivors, a few wondered whether the democratic cause they fought for was misguided by youthful passion. Others have won asylum abroad, and when they talk of Tiananmen to their children, it is as history—just one part of their life's larger story.

But the dilemma is often more complicated for those who remain in China, where public mention of Tiananmen can result in government retribution. To this day, officials maintain that the decision was necessary for stability, and the anniversary is marked with thousands of police officers patrolling the square and chasing off journalists.

Those who have found successful careers in business, law and academia often talk of it only in private, fearful of consequences for themselves and their offspring.

Even some of those who have soldiered on as activists deliberately say little of Tiananmen to their children, who grow up not fully understanding why police barge into their homes each year as the anniversary approaches to interrogate and spirit away their parents for weeks without explanation. Some children experience restrictions and warnings at school.

For most parents, it comes down to a choice between protecting their children from the past or passing on dangerous and bitter truths about the authoritarian society they continue to live under.

It is something Qi and his wife have wrestled with throughout their 14-year-old daughter's life. The two have fought so often and so heatedly on the subject that neither dares mention 1989 at home anymore.

"THE VEIL WAS LIFTED"

A 33-year-old construction worker at the time of the Tiananmen protests, Qi took a detour that night toward the central Beijing square with co-workers out of curiosity, not activism. Qi, who later converted to Christianity, now likens the moment that troops fired without warning at the crowd around him to a baptism of sorts.

"The veil was lifted from my eyes, and I saw the party for what it really was," he said.

In the hospital, he said, as doctors tried to salvage his bullet-torn left thigh, he took a purple antiseptic liquid and, to their chagrin, angrily scrawled on his leg: "This bullet belongs to the Communist Party's army."

After the amputation, he was forced to give up his construction job and has not found work since. By the time Qi Ji was born in 1998, her father had become a full-time activist, protesting the government's maltreatment of the disabled and democracy advocates, along with other human rights abuses.

Qi's wife warned him early on: Say what you want about the government to everyone else, but Ji is too young. Why create problems for her, his wife argued. Why poison her against the society she must live in?

"But I don't think it's a bad thing for her to understand this government," Qi said on a recent afternoon while waiting for his daughter's return from school. "I want her to be prepared to handle life and to face these problems. Why should we cover up the truth and let her live in illusion?"

For Qi, the Tiananmen crackdown—or June 4, as it is commonly referred to in China—has become the defining moment of his life.

While most people, including some former Tiananmen protesters, have learned to avoid the topic, Qi carries business cards listing his job title as "Disabled Victim of June 4." His home telephone number, cellphone number and e-mail address end with deliberately chosen digits: "89 64." And on the back of his cards, he has emblazoned this slogan: "Facts written in ink cannot conceal the truth written in blood."

His family lives in a cramped Beijing apartment, dependent on his wife's \$320-a-month job as a drugstore sales assistant, while Qi cares for their daughter and supports human rights causes—work that has resulted in long stretches of detention and frequent government harassment.

Qi's wife, Lu Shiyang, wishes he would let go of what happened 24 years ago. She recently declined to meet with foreign journalists and warned Qi against it.

"How come others are able to move forward?" she often asks him, he said. "You were not the only victim on June Fourth."

'NOTHING TO BE GAINED'

Kong Weizhen also was shot and lost the use of his left leg that night. But after seeing the danger and futility of his anti-government activism, he abandoned the opposition work that had brought him to the streets. Instead, he tried to make a new life for himself within the existing system.

He became a salesman and worked his way up to owning a computer store. He even tried in vain to join the Communist Party at one point—an attempt, he says, to increase his pay for the sake of his 12-year-old daughter.

"My family is now my first priority," he explained in a phone interview. "There's nothing to be gained from telling her about June 4. If I tell her, she may form some dangerous resentment against the party. . . . I just want her to have a safe and happy life."

The only reason he would tell her, he said, is if another anti-government protest erupted. "If that happened, I would use my own example to teach her what such movements can accomplish and what they cannot. And I would ask her to get as far away as she can."

But even those who have devoted their lives to fighting for the democratic ideals of 1989 disagree on how much to tell their children. Many of them now form the core of China's dissident community.

"I don't want my children to know," said Zhang Lin, a rights activist in Anhui province who has spent many years in jail on state subversion charges.

In February, authorities pulled his 10-year-old daughter, Anni, from school as an apparent punishment to her father. The incident spurred dozens of other activists to stage a hunger strike in front of the school. Weeks later, Anni was allowed to resume class, but only in another town far away.

His daughter now loses her temper easily, Zhang said, and has become obsessed with cartoons in which the good guys beat up the bad. "I don't want my children to follow the same path as me," he said.

In a phone interview, his daughter said, "I don't know why the police keep coming," though she knows it's related somehow to her father.

When asked about June 4, she responded: "What is June 4? I haven't heard anything about it."

'I HAVE NO REGRETS'

Qi said he doesn't begrudge other parents their personal decisions, but he worries that staying silent contributes to the gradual purge of China's collective memory.

To this day, he said, his amputated stump hurts whenever he hears the crack of fireworks. He avoids passing Tiananmen Square, he said, because he tastes blood whenever he gets too close.

In the end, suppressing all mention of June 4 in front of his daughter proved impossible. And after his daughter turned 10, a teacher made a passing reference to the date while talking about the physical space of Tiananmen Square.

That night, with Qi's wife still at work, his daughter mentioned it to him, and the memories poured out. The clacking advance of tanks. The shocking sound of gunfire. The blood he saw all around him and the sudden pain and darkness.

In the years that followed, he secretly told her more and more. They watched banned videos about that day on overseas Web sites. They talked about the party and its instinct for self-preservation.

He watched both proud and pained as June 4 began to color her worldview as it had his.

She became both more rebellious and more mature, he said. Like her parents, she now refers to the police watching their home as "dogs," but she accepts without questioning when school leaders exclude her from trips abroad and from student parades at Tiananmen celebrating China's Communist rule.

Lately, she's talked of becoming a kindergarten teacher so she can teach kids how to think for themselves about what's right and wrong.

"All parents want their children to live a happy life, but I have no regrets about telling her," Qi said. "Only after she first tastes the bitter can she know what the sweet is."

Qi's wife now knows that her daughter knows. But the family recently reached a kind of detente—similar to the one in Chinese society at large. When together at home these days, the family simply avoids all mention of Tiananmen Square, June 4 and what happened that day 24 years ago.

#### TRIBUTE TO CURTIS EDWARD PRICE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Curtis Edward Price Jr., who passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by family, on May 30, 2013. An able athlete, gifted musician, and beloved mentor, he epitomized the notion of a true gentleman. It goes without saying that Curtis made quite a positive impression on all of us, and he will be sorely missed.

Curtis was born in Charleston on May 6, 1950, to the late Curtis Edward Price Sr. and Ethel Price. He was a graduate of Charleston High School and West Virginia University. Upon receiving his bachelor's degree, he became the youngest head basketball coach in the country when he accepted the position at West Virginia State College. After leaving WVSC he worked with then-Governor Jay Rockefeller as the Director of Affirmative Action for the State of West Virginia. He ended his career at the Charleston Job Corps Center as its Center Director, where he continued to use his gift of helping others.

Throughout his life, Curtis possessed a profound belief that he could make a positive difference in the lives of others. He was a beloved husband, a devoted father, and a loving grandfather, and worked tirelessly for those outside of his family. Although he is best known for his skills on the basketball court, his passion for politics, championing of the rights of others, and efforts toward ensuring quality education for all children were important facets of his life's work. He was also deeply involved in serving churches through the Ministry of Music, and cherished spending time with his family and close friends.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Judy; two daughters, seven grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters-in-law.

Mr. Speaker, this high level of devotion to both family and the State of West Virginia is one deserving of great honor and respect. Through this Extension of Remarks, I would like to thank Curtis for returning to his native West Virginia to share his life and wonderful spirit with us. We, in the mountain state, are fortunate to remember him as one of our own.

HONORING THE REV. DR. WADE A. STEVENSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 10TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man and a wonderful community. Ten years ago, on June 3, 2003, Gideon Missionary Baptist Church in Waukegan invited the Rev. Dr. Wade A. Stevenson to become its pastor. Since then, the church has grown its following and expanded its positive reach in the community.

I have had the privilege of getting to know Pastor Stevenson as an exceptional leader of men, student of faith and community servant. On the several occasions that I have visited his church, I leave each time with a renewed sense of hope and purpose. Pastor Stevenson is dedicated to the belief that helping your neighbor helps you.

Pastor Stevenson's ten years at Gideon Missionary Baptist Church have been a joyous time for the community, and his presence is an indelible part of Waukegan.

Since his earliest days growing up in Kentucky, Pastor Stevenson has heeded the call to serve others. Rather than constantly guide his church members, he prefers to teach, or, as he says, "to equip."

Armed with the tools of faith that Pastor Stevenson teaches, his church members are better prepared to have the same positive impact on their communities that Pastor Stevenson has had on his.

During the course of his career, Pastor Stevenson has been recognized with many awards and by various organizations—during the course of his career, Pastor Stevenson has been recognized.

In honor of his tenth pastoral anniversary with Gideon Missionary Baptist Church, I congratulate Pastor Wade A. Stevenson, his wife Gloria and his three sons on this great achievement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to cast a vote on rollcall 179 on the evening of May 22, 2013. I strongly oppose the Northern Route Approval Act and I would have voted "no" on passage of H.R. 3. This legislation is another reckless attempt to disregard due process for reviewing projects with significant implications for national security, the environment and public health. I have consistently stated that TransCanada's application for a permit to build the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline must undergo a full environmental review and public comment period, as required by law, before the President determines whether the project is within the national interest. It is irresponsible to waive environmental review and public comment, much less "deem approved" a project of such magnitude as the Keystone XL pipeline, especially in light of the recent tar sands disaster in Mayflower, Arkansas that spilled 210,000 gallons of heavy crude oil and displaced 22 families from their homes.

## IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA HUTCHENRIDER

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda Hutchenrider upon her upcoming retirement from her position as Town Clerk of Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Ms. Hutchenrider has been a constant figure in Barnstable's Town Hall since she first took a position with the town's local government in 1987. She was elected to her current position in 1993, and has been reelected in every election since. She has administered over 38 elections during her twenty-year tenure as Town Clerk, and her knowledge of the many intricacies of the position has gained her the respect and admiration of Clerks throughout the Commonwealth.

Ms. Hutchenrider's many accomplishments include having served as President of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association, President of the Cape and Islands Town Clerks Association, and Chair of the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy. During her time as Barnstable Town Clerk, Ms. Hutchenrider also attained her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designations, both of which required many hours of advanced training. While Ms. Hutchenrider may be retiring this June, she has not finished giving back to her field, and plans to serve as a volunteer teacher for the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy this summer.

It is fitting to acknowledge and to thank those who have offered service to their communities, and Ms. Hutchenrider is a true embodiment of such an individual. I thank her for all that she has done for the Barnstable com-

munity, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating Ms. Linda Hutchenrider upon her retirement.

## CONGRATULATING CARTERSVILLE BASEBALL ON THE DIVISION AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Cartersville High School Baseball team. On May 25th, the Purple Hurricanes swept the North Hall Trojans in a best of three championship series to win the AAA division state championship.

Although the North Hall Trojans put up a memorable fight, the Purple Hurricanes ultimately hit walk-off single to clench the program's 6th title in 12 years.

This season, Coach Stuart Chester, his staff, and these young men have worked tirelessly to earn their place in Georgia baseball history. The team's 14 seniors—who are no strangers to adversity—will enter the next chapter of their lives knowing that they have upheld their school's legacy of excellence and have set a high bar for future Purple Hurricanes teams to strive for.

I encourage the entire team to savor their victory and remember the season's important life lessons of responsibility, persistence, and self-discipline; they will undoubtedly make them better citizens and fathers as they grow older.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Cartersville Purple Hurricanes on their well-deserved 2013 division AAA State Championship title and wish them luck as they defend their title next year. This team has brought great pride to their school, the city of Cartersville, and Georgia's 11th District. Go Canes.

## RECOGNIZING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF SYRACUSE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse in celebrating 150 years of proudly serving the Central New York community.

The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is the second oldest of its kind in North America. Located at 5655 Thompson Road in DeWitt, the center offers a variety of services that have enriched the lives of the Jewish community in Syracuse for generations.

The center's Early Childhood Development Program introduces young children the important concepts of learning and teamwork. In addition, The Children's Department provides care whenever schools are closed, including: state and national holidays, school conference closure days, half days, and snow days.

Many seniors take advantage of the community center's Senior Department for serv-

ices ranging from affordable kosher meals to free manicures. Furthermore, the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse offers seniors an opportunity to stay active by utilizing the Neulander Family Sports & Fitness Center. Seniors can rest assured that the center provides instructors that take measures to ensure the safety and comfort of participants. Participation in these various programs allow seniors to stay involved in the community.

On June 6, 2013, The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse will hold its Annual Community You Can Count on Gala, with its focus on honoring its rich heritage over the past 150 years. The Gala with pay tribute to the past presidents who have had an instrumental role in forming what the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse is today. In addition to the 150th celebration on June 6, the Jewish Community Center will formerly recognize the renaming of the Jewish Community Center of Syracuse to the Sam Pomeranz Jewish Community Center of Syracuse.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing The Jewish Community Center of Syracuse and its 150 years of bettering the Syracuse community.

## HONORING THE 2013 FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MILITARY ENLISTEES

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred and eighteen Fredericksburg, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Armed Forces after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selfless and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the Armed Forces:

Alva, Andrew E.; Anderson, James E.; Armstrong, Stephanie L.; Arrington, Tarance L.; Atkinson, Rebecca; Barksdale, Alexis; Barrett, Maurice N.; Baxter, Austen J.; Beckwith, Dillion B.; Benabides, Erika Y.; Berrios, Christopher B.; Bowling, Clinton M.; Boyd, Brandon M.; Bridgers, Charles W.; Cain, April R.; Campbell, Brandon J.; Carter, Devonte M.; Caylor, Steven W.; Clark, Nathan T.; Coleman, Sergio J.; Comings, Heather N.; Cooper, Theophilus G.; Corbett, Zoe; Daley, John R.; Davis, Devin H.; Dejesus, Joseph K.; Dejesus, Rasckey R.; Dennison, Michael P.; Devine, Andrew D.; Doggett, Daquan; East, Donald E.; Fagan, Daniel J.; Floyd, William; Frady, Nicholas; Gail, Liam M.; Gandy, Sabrina; Gonzalez, Dion A.; Grenke, Konnor E.; Griffiths, Tyler D.; Hall, Nathanael J.; Harcum, Brandon L.; Hartless, Evan; Hashbarger, Kyle R.; Hayward, Michael A.; Heard, Dwune A.; Heilman, John; Hennessey, Patrick J.; Herrera, Abraham L.; Hodge, Austin C.; Hopewell, Lashaad; Howell, Thomas J.; Hulo, Zachary R.; Irace, Dominic R.; Jenkins, Tiffany J.; Jeter, Chelsi; Johnson, Casey W.; Johnson, Dakota W.; Johnson, Ricky D.; Johnson, Simeon T.; Jones, Asya D.; Korovin, Nikita K.; Kratz, Joseph A.; Leclair, Daniel R.; Lee, Cameron T.;

Lyterisher, Sean S.; Mahon, Elias; Marquez, Anthony M.; Martin, Anika O.; Mason, Brittney Keith; Mason, James P.; Masters, Jonathan E.; McCoy, Nyia N.; McDermott, Brian; McKinney, Darlene A.; McLaughlin, Jonathan Evan; Mendozaguevara, Jose M.; Merritte, Ebony; Mlaka, Desiree J.; Mondragon Pina, S.; Moore, Shawn E.; Morad, Brandon; Morin, Jonathan; Morris, Joshua L.; Mote, Andrew A.; Naylor, Ryan A.; Newcomb, Douglas K.; Peacher, Matthew; Peck, Cody T.; Pena Andia, Wendy L.; Pitts, Cameron N.; Rastall, Brooke N.; Rathbone, William; Raymer, Nicholas M.; Rhodes, Trevon C.; Riggs, McKenzie W.; Rocha, Helena M.; Rodriguezramos, Herson C.; Rose, Eric M.; Roush, Casey A.; Russell, Carter; Schmitt, Phorrest J.; Shackleton, Christopher D.; Shry, Kelly L.; Smith, Latifah E.; Stephens, Caleb M.; Stotler, Corey A.; Taylor Lewis, Alexis B.; Thomas, Vanessa; Tuel, Chancellor K.; Turner, Seth; Turner, Walter B.; Vogel, Michael A.; Walker, Joshua; Williams, Lorenzo D.; Williams, Derek A.; Winans, Nikolos A.; Woodard, David E.; Young, Joseph K.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 2nd Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

#### SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act.

In a global economy, putting a college education within reach for every American has never been more important. But it's also never been more expensive. On July 1, the interest rate on subsidized Stafford student loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent if Congress does nothing, increasing college costs for over 7 million students by \$1,000 per student, per loan. Unfortunately, this bill does not adequately provide the assistance our students need and instead exacerbates the college debt crisis.

According to estimates by the Congressional Budget Office, interest rates under H.R. 1911 will be higher than current fixed rates for millions of borrowers seven of the next ten years. Even more troubling, H.R. 1911 also includes provisions that will provide \$3.4 billion in debt reduction. It will be a sad day in American history if should the Congress decide to further burden struggling students to reduce a national debt they will already be paying for throughout the course of their lives.

In Texas and all across the country, students and recent college graduates are now facing the highest unemployment rate of any other group. By 2018, 63 percent of all Amer-

ican job openings will require some sort of postsecondary education. In order for our country to remain competitive, we need to make college more affordable and accessible. Political gimmicks such as H.R. 1911 will only discourage our Nation's students from pursuing an education.

With the cost of higher education continuing to skyrocket, I simply cannot support a measure that will increase the financial burden for millions of students and their families. If Americans fail to address this issue now, we will default on commitment to a better future for our children. We owe it to our young people to provide the opportunities that will allow them to become successful and productive adults.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN MARC DENNO

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Marc Denno, United States Navy, as he concludes his service as the 49th Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine Base New London. On behalf of southeastern Connecticut, I thank Captain Denno for his service, his leadership and his friendship to our community.

A native of Minnesota, Denno graduated from the Naval Academy in 1985 and went on to serve in a number of capacities throughout the Submarine Force, including Damage Control Assistant on the USS *George Bancroft* (SSBN 643), Engineer Officer on the USS *Bluefish* (SSN 675), Executive Officer of USS *West Virginia* (SSBN 736) (Blue) and Commanding Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) *Jimmy Carter* (SSN 23). He served as Commanding Officer of the USS *City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705), which, while under his command, was twice awarded the Battle "E" and earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Navy Unit Commendation. Captain Denno's shore assignments include the Shift Engineer and Material Officer at Nuclear Power Training Unit Charleston, as well as Chief Staff Officer and Director of the Tactical Analysis Group on the staff of Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve.

It was during his tour as Commanding Officer of Submarine Base New London, however, that I got the chance to work closely with Captain Denno. Known both as the "First and Finest" submarine base in our Navy and the "Submarine Capitol of the World," Submarine Base New London is a military installation that is closely tied to the fabric of the community that surrounds it. In a region that follows developments on the base like a box score, Captain Denno's four year tour at the base was distinguished by a focus on the fundamentals of supporting the submarine force, a focus on the vitality and viability of the base, and deepening the connections between the base and its host community and state.

During his tenure, Captain Denno was an active leader in tending to the base's key mission area: the support and operation of the submarines assigned to New London. Under Captain Denno's leadership the base undertook close to \$200 million in major infrastruc-

ture projects and capital investment. Infrastructure improvements included the recapitalization of Pier 31 and the construction of a new Port Operations Center, a new Indoor Smalls Arms Range, and a new synthetic Track and Field, among other projects. As important, he led the demolition of 450,000 square feet of excess and outdated buildings and infrastructure that have reduced the footprint and operating costs of the base. And, working joining with the State of Connecticut, Captain Denno deepened the relationship between the base and its host state through a unique partnership. Under Captain Denno's command and through his collaboration with State officials, Connecticut invested unprecedented resources into the future of the base, supporting new projects like a new diver facility, an up to date boiler for the power plant, critical additions to training facilities, and a joint project with the local communities to address encroachment issues.

Beyond the nuts and bolts of base infrastructure, Captain Denno prioritized efforts to deepen the connection between the sailors assigned to New London and the surrounding community. Under his watch, 9,000 members of the base community contributed 47,000 community service volunteer hours in the region in local schools and in a number of organizations like the American Red Cross, the Boy and Girls Scouts of American, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Special Olympics. And, Captain Denno was instrumental in broader regional events like OPSAIL Connecticut 2012, in which he helped to coordinate Navy involvement in this daunting undertaking, from working with the local community to support the event to coordinating naval vessel participation—and many things in between.

From being a constant presence at community meetings to spearheading stakeholder orientation tours of the base, leading key military education initiatives and being the public face of the base, Captain Denno was a fixture in the southeastern Connecticut community during his four years at SUBASE New London. It is no wonder then that SUBASE New London was selected from among the region's more than 20 other installations and activities as the unprecedented winner for two consecutive years of the annual Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic's Award for Installation Excellence, in 2010 and 2011.

As you might imagine, a good working relationship with SUBASE New London and its Commanding Officer is a prerequisite for anyone in the position of representing eastern Connecticut in Congress. However, I consider myself privileged to have worked so closely with Captain Denno over the last four years not just in his capacity as a Navy officer, but as a friend and occasional golf partner. He and his team have never been more than a phone call or email away, and the connection between his office and mine has been nothing short of a two way street as we tackled the key challenges facing the base. I am grateful for his time, his advice, his counsel and most of all, his unflagging commitment to Connecticut's base and the sailors and submarine stationed at it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking Captain Denno for his service to SUBASE New London and wishing him and his family "fair winds and following seas" as he heads to his next assignment in service to our country.

A SALUTE TO FLORIDA NATIVE  
WILLIAM R. ELLIS

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize William R. Ellis who has been an integral part of Brevard County, Florida for more than 50 years. Bill currently serves as the Vice President of Government and Industry Relations for Health First, Inc. in Meltourne, Florida. He will retire from that position on June 14, 2013, after 57 years of distinguished service to our community and the State of Florida.

For the past 15 years, Mr. Ellis has been responsible for all governmental and industry relations for Health First, Inc. Bill also currently serves as a consultant for The Viera Company and has served as a consultant for the Governmental and Community Affairs of the Canaveral Port Authority. In that position, Bill was responsible for maintaining community and governmental relations locally and statewide.

Bill Ellis is well recognized for his early years of service. From 1956–1982 he served in various managerial positions with the Florida Power & Light Company in Brevard County, Florida. From 1982–1986 he held the position of Federal and State Regulatory Representative in Washington DC and in Tallahassee, Florida. From 1986–1991 he served as District General Manager with Florida Power & Light Company in West Palm Beach, Florida. From 1991–1993 he served as an Area Manager for Florida Power & Light Company in Brevard County, Florida and retired in 1993. From 1993–1998 he served as the Director of Public Affairs for the Canaveral Port Authority in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Bill's community service includes: past President and current Board Member for BCC Foundation and Brevard Cultural Alliance; Secretary of Civilian Military Affairs Council; past Chairman of Brevard County Tourist Development Council; past Chairman of Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman and current Executive Committee and Board Member EDC Government Relations of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast; Board of Governors, Executive Committee, Florida Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of Governmental Relations Committee for the Melbourne-Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce; past President and member of the Space Coast Tiger Bay Club; and past Chairman of United Way. Bill is also member of the following professional associations: the American Hospital Association; the Associated Industries of Florida; the Florida Hospital Association; Keep Brevard Beautiful; the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce; and serves as an associate member with the Florida League of Cities.

Bill Ellis is married to Carol, with 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. He is a 4th generation Floridian and was raised and educated in the Florida school system.

Bill has been an integral part of Brevard County for more than 50 years and for that we are grateful. Bill and Carol will be missed as they leave Brevard and relocate further south. Now, that community will be the beneficiaries of their commitment to service.

Thank you for making the Space Coast and Brevard County a better place.

RECOGNIZING SNOOTY THE  
MANATEE'S 65TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Snooty the Manatee's 65th Birthday.

Snooty is an ambassador for wildlife preservation, a local celebrity, and tourist attraction to Manatee County, most of which I represent in Congress.

Born on July 21st, 1948, Snooty is the world's oldest known living manatee.

Since June 20, 1949 he has lived at South Florida Museum in Bradenton, Florida, where researchers from New College of Florida and Mote Marine are able to learn more about the health and life cycles of manatees.

Manatees frequently suffer from both man-made and natural hazards, such as red tide, cold water, boat strikes, and, in the past, hunting.

Snooty is one of the most popular representatives for endangered species.

He has fostered 26 manatees recuperating from illness or injury and is currently sharing his 60,000 gallon fresh water pool with two young rescued manatees, Cheeno and Longo.

Snooty has also contributed to public education by appearing on Captain Kangaroo in 1982 and greeting more than 2 million visitors of all ages who learn about manatee care, conservation, eating habits, reproduction and physiology.

He reaches people world-wide on the "Snooty Cam," an online, live webcast.

The beloved Manatee was declared the County's official mascot by the Manatee County Commission on April 4, 1979.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize the many contributions Snooty has made to the world's knowledge of Manatee's and encourage my constituents to participate in Snooty's 65th Birthday Bash and Wildlife Awareness Festival on July 20.

CONGRATULATING U.S. SOUTHERN  
COMMAND ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) on their 50th anniversary, and to commend its exemplary service to the United States in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

SOUTHCOM provides invaluable contingency planning, operations, and security cooperation to the volatile region, and has been an invaluable asset to the area. Whether it be through deterring illegal activities such as drug trafficking, dismantling transnational organized crime networks, or fostering alternatives to criminal influence in under-governed areas. SOUTHCOM has consistently supported the region for all their security needs, and has strengthened the regions defense capabilities.

Recently, vital humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions have underscored the

importance of their presence in the South Florida community. For example, in 2010 SOUTHCOM led Operation Unified Response, in which a force of about 22,000 troops, more than 30 ships, and 300 aircraft provided life-saving assistance and distributed millions of pounds of food and water in Haiti following its devastating earthquake.

With an economic impact of \$600 million on Miami-Dade County, SOUTHCOM's positive influence is keenly felt throughout the community. SOUTHCOM personnel are mainstays in community organizations and contribute an astonishing 30,000 volunteer hours each year to local charity groups, community projects, and events. Moreover, by participating in activities such as color guard presentations at sporting events and parades, and giving speeches at meetings sponsored by local organizations, we are all reminded of our civic duty and the sacrifices made by those who serve.

SOUTHCOM has become an invaluable organization for the state of Florida, the Nation as a whole, and the region it serves. I am extremely proud to have SOUTHCOM in my Congressional district, and I am confident that they will continue to represent the interests of the United States with distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate SOUTHCOM as they celebrate this milestone. I am certain that we can all look forward to many more years of outstanding service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing SOUTHCOM's achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KEVIN KUHN AND ANDY MOTEL

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kevin Kuhn and Andy Motel for their years of dedicated and distinguished service to Charlestown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Kevin Kuhn, Charlestown Township Supervisor and Member of the Open Space Commission, and Andy Motel, Charlestown Township Planning Commissioner and Member of the Open Space Commission, have each demonstrated exceptional commitment to the concerns of Charlestown Township's residents by working to permanently preserve over 30 percent of Charlestown Township as open space. They have each worked to maintain the historic and rural character of the Township with diligence and unwavering leadership. Additionally, Kevin Kuhn and Andy Motel have helped to enable Charlestown Township to expand the hiking and equestrian trail network, provide additional stream protection, and to slow residential growth.

Kevin Kuhn and Andy Motel have been the principal leaders in open space preservation for Charlestown Township and have spearheaded efforts to negotiate with various entities while keeping the community abreast of all such developments. Through their energies and direction, the Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors has managed the Earned Income Tax and Open Space Fund to ensure all resources are invested wisely.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of their years of service and commitment to the preservation of



open space, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Kevin Kuhn and Andy Motel of Charlestown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, for their many valuable contributions to their community.

HONORING THE TOWN OF  
RUMFORD'S NATIONAL MAIN  
STREET DESIGNATION

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the town of Rumford on receiving a national Main Street designation and for joining the Maine Downtown Network program.

The National Main Street Program was launched in 1980 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For over three decades, this program has promoted the revitalization of downtowns across the country by leveraging local assets such as cultural or architectural heritage, local enterprise, and community pride. Since 2009, the Maine Downtown Center, MDC, has served as the state coordinator for the National Main Street Program. MDC has done an excellent job building a network of participating communities over the last several years.

As a national Main Street designee, Rumford will receive guidance, resources and professional training in community development from MDC. They will also have access to MDC staff, 24-member volunteer Advisory Council and the National Main Street Center resources. Rumford is capitalizing on its distinct character, through a unique public-private partnership, to stimulate economic vitality in the heart of their community.

This recognition acknowledges the hard work that the Town of Rumford and its business community have put towards strengthening the local economy. Their efforts are already yielding dividends and making the region a better place to do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the town of Rumford and on their outstanding achievement.

HONORING CAPITAL ENERGY  
GROUP INCORPORATED (CEG)

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Capital Energy Group Incorporated (CEG) as the 2013 District of Columbia Small Business of the Year, as well as its president and chief executive officer, Norman H. Jones, Sr.

CEG is a District of Columbia small business specializing in energy efficient windows and glass installation. CEG has been awarded contracts on three of the largest projects in the District of Columbia, the U.S. Coast Guard building at the Department of Homeland Security complex at St. Elizabeths, Progression Place—The United Negro College Fund Building, and City Center D.C. In addition to work-

ing on large-scale projects, CEG has completed projects for Anacostia Senior High School, Unity Healthcare and Building K167 in Southwest D.C. Because of CEG's high-quality work, it has now become the largest African-American owned glass and window company in the national capital region. CEG has used its growth to further its goals of employing D.C. residents and promoting glass/glazing as a career option.

CEG's president and chief executive officer, Norman H. Jones, Sr., has over 30 years of experience in the glass/glazing and window industry. He continues to share his knowledge with future generations by establishing apprenticeship programs for District residents to learn more about window glazing and installation.

I ask the House to join me in honoring Capital Energy Group Incorporated and its president and chief executive officer, Norman H. Jones, Sr., for their outstanding accomplishments and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia, and in commending Capital Energy Group Incorporated on becoming the 2013 District of Columbia Small Business of the Year.

RECOGNIZING LOUDOUN  
STUDENTS WHO "BEAT THE ODDS"

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize four remarkable students from my congressional district who were recently awarded college scholarships through the "Beat the Odds" program.

Hosted by the Loudoun Bar Association, "Beat the Odds" provides financial support to area students who have overcome challenging, and often tragic circumstances. The students who received awards this year have endured hardships ranging from sexual abuse to illness to poverty, yet have still achieved great success in the classroom or on the athletic field.

I had the privilege of attending a ceremony for the recipients on Thursday, May 23, in Leesburg. It was an honor to meet the students and hear firsthand how they overcame adverse situations. Their ability to remain positive and work hard despite the difficulties they face is inspiring. I wish them all the best as they embrace this wonderful opportunity and move on to college.

The recipients of this year's scholarships are: Jonathan "Cory" Dickey of Loudoun County High School, Shannon Hayes of Park View High School, Leanna Moron of Loudoun County High School and Vineetha Thekkel of Tuscarora High School.

I submit two recent news articles from the Loudoun Times-Mirror and Leesburg Today on these remarkable students.

[From the Loudoun Times-Mirror, May 24, 2013]

FOUR LOUDOUN STUDENTS AWARDED "BEAT  
THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIPS

(By Alanna Dvorak)

Looking at Loudoun County High School senior Leanna Moron, one wouldn't suspect the challenges she's overcome.

The poised girl of Thai and Bolivian descent is an academic, sitting within the top

10 percent of her class. She takes time out of her day to work with English Language Learners. She will be attending Penn State to study nursing.

She's also endured multiple traumas, from sexual abuse, financial struggles, alcoholic family members and "tremendous heartache and pain."

"To know what she has lived through everyday and see her still be who she is is amazing," said Megan Dunn, a guidance counselor at Loudoun County and the person who nominated Moron for the award.

Moron received a \$6,000 scholarship from the Loudoun Bar Association's Beat the Odds program at a ceremony May 24 at the historic courthouse in Leesburg. "It's an amazing honor," Moron said. "I'm very thankful for this scholarship and this opportunity."

The Beat the Odds program awards scholarships to students who have overcome significant life obstacles, such as abuse, illness or poverty. A national program, the Loudoun chapter was founded nine years ago by members of the Loudoun County Bar Association. "In a given year, there are roughly 245 days we hold court," said Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge Pamela Brooks, who hosted the ceremony. "I have two favorite days: today and adoption day."

In addition to Moron, three other students received merit awards at the ceremony.

Jonathan "Cory" Dickey, a senior football player and wrestler at Loudoun County High School, received a \$2,000 award. At age 14, he physically stopped his alcoholic father from strangling his mother. His father left and the family was forced to make do with food stamps, social security benefits his mother, who is unable to work, receives and a part-time job Dickey took on. Still: the family was unable to stave off foreclosure.

"I did it not only for myself, but I try to be strong for my brothers," Dickey said. "It is very tough growing up at an early age but I think it's made me a stronger person in the long run."

Park View's Shannon Hayes' parents divorced when she eight, after her father's struggles with alcoholism made it unsafe for her. Two years later, her mom became ill and her father moved back in with the family to help out.

"I thought our family was finally growing back together," Hayes said.

However, her father was diagnosed with Leukemia and died just 15 days before Hayes' 13th birthday. Hayes' family has also struggled financially.

Hayes received a \$2,500 award to put toward her education at Penn State, where she plans to study biochemistry to become a genetic engineer.

Vineetha Thekkel of Tuscarora received the third merit award of the evening. Thekkel and her parents came to America in 2009 and the then 13 year old immediately had to take on an adult role, trying to find transportation for the family from the airport. Once the family settled in Leesburg, the young teenager then solicited for jobs for her mother and deaf father. Despite being laughed out by numerous business owners, Thekkel was able to help her parents find employment. They currently each work three jobs.

Thekkel credits much of her success to agencies around Loudoun County who supported her family during their financial struggles with food stamps and free medical care and teachers who personally supported her.

"With their support, I was able to stay on top of my schoolwork," Thekkel said.

Thekkel will be attending Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio and hopes to become a missionary doctor. She received a \$2,500 scholarship.

Several prominent members of the community came out to support the students, including Board of Supervisor member Ken Reed, School Board member Thomas Reed, Town of Leesburg Mayor Kristen Umstattd and Congressman Frank Wolf, who served as keynote speaker.

Wolf told of his adversities from childhood and being teased as a stutterer and poor student. He told the students their adversity would determine their success, rather their character and ability to overcome.

"Do not be afraid to take on tough issues," Wolf told the students.

The Beat the Odds program will hold a special event June 13 at the Tally Ho in Leesburg from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The event will serve as both a fundraiser and an opportunity for the community to hear the stories from this year's winners.

[From the Leesburg Today, May 24, 2013]

#### BAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP STUDENTS CONTINUE BEATING THE ODDS

"Everything has a way out. You have the choice to keep going."

Those were the words of Vineetha Thekkel, a graduating senior at Tuscarora High School, but it was a message shared by all four students awarded scholarships through the Loudoun Bar Association's Beat the Odds program during a ceremony at the historic courthouse in Leesburg Thursday night.

In its ninth year, the program provides financial support to college-bound students who have overcome remarkably challenging, often tragic circumstances. The annual awards ceremonies—attended by relatives, teachers and members of the Bar—are known for their emotional rollercoaster ride of pride in the students' accomplishments and sadness at the situations the teens lived through. The tales bring tears to the eyes of even the most experienced lawyers in the room. The wider public will have the opportunity to hear the stories of this year's honorees and past scholarship winners during a special June 13 event at the Tally Ho Theatre in Leesburg.

This year's winners, while coming from decidedly different backgrounds, told similar stories involving domestic violence, financial struggles and lost youth.

At age 14, Jonathan "Cory" Dickey said he stopped his alcoholic father from choking his mother and then had to start working to support her and his siblings when his father left. "Dad got off easy," the Loudoun County High School senior said. Food stamps and Social Security benefits for his mother, who is unable to work because of a medical condition, helped, but not enough to hold off a foreclosure. His hard work has paid off with a chance to continue his education in college. "It's going to help me in so many ways," he said of the \$2,000 scholarship award.

Park View High School's Shannon Hayes' parents divorced when she was 8, after her mother felt that her father's alcoholism made it too dangerous to live together. Two years later her mother became ill and her father returned to help. Although the relationship with her father healed and a strong bond was formed, he died when she was 12. "He was my best friend," Hayes said. It was her father's wish that she succeed that has inspired her to persevere a degree in biochemistry at Penn State and a career in genetic engineering. "He is with me everyday. He is my angel."

Thekkel said she flew to the U.S. March 18, 2009, with her deaf father and a mother who did not speak English. It was at the airport making phone calls to try to find a ride where the then-13-year-old realized, "I had to be the adult in the family." Once settled in

a Leesburg townhouse, she went around to area businesses to collect job applications for her parents who now work three jobs. Although the halls of Tuscarora High School presented a completely new experience for the first-generation immigrant, it was at school where she found support from teachers who understood the challenges she faced.

"I loved going to school. That was the only place where I could stay away from the tough times," she said. "I was forced to become an adult at a very young age." With the help of her \$2,500 scholarship, she will attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio with the goal of working as a missionary doctor.

Loudoun County's High School's Leanna Moron received the largest scholarship—the \$6,000 Beat the Odds Award. She described her story as "complex," involving family financial struggles, a foreclosure, alcoholic and abusive family members, "and tremendous heartache and pain."

At times life may seem too challenging and hopeless, she said, but with determination you can get through it. She found education as "a way out" and will graduate in the top 10 percent of her class. She will pursue a nursing degree at Penn State.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Pamela L. Brooks led the ceremony and U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-VA-10) was the keynote speaker, telling students of his struggles growing up in Philadelphia as a picked-on, stuttering youth and poor student. He urged them to continue to be willing to pay the price to do the right things and to thank God for the adversity that helps make them better people.

Attorney Matt Snow, co-chairman of the Bar's Beat the Odds Committee, encourages residents to attend a special forum at the Tally Ho, 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13, to gain a better understanding of the program and the impact it is having on the lives of the students. Attendees are advised to bring tissues to wipe away tears; and may bring their checkbooks to support the program.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ACCURACY AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2013

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, as Congress considers the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act this year, we have an obligation to listen closely to the students, parents, and educators that we represent to ensure that our efforts result in responsible and pragmatic improvements. While we have made great strides in the areas of assessment and accountability over the last nine years, this reauthorization provides a critical opportunity to learn from our experiences and fine-tune the law.

One example of a lesson my constituents have learned, and have vigorously shared with me, is that we should be encouraging states to move towards better assessment models. As I have met with educators over the past several years, one of the primary concerns that I have heard is that the state assessment fails to provide information of value to educators and administrators. Even more disturbing, it often takes four to six months before scores are returned to schools, which leaves little or no time for teachers to use the infor-

mation to address student performance before they advance to the next grade.

However, I believe there is a sensible solution that Congress can adopt to address these concerns and give states more options in assessment design. Today, working with Representative G.K. Butterfield, I am introducing the bipartisan Assessment Accuracy and Improvement Act of 2013 to give states the option to use adaptive testing as their statewide assessment measuring reading, math, and science to fulfill No Child Left Behind requirements. I believe that this legislation will give states the ability to truly track the academic growth of every child and provide more accurate information to teachers, parents and school administrators through the use of an adaptive test.

For those who may be unfamiliar with adaptive testing, it is a test that changes in response to previously-asked questions. For example, if a student answers a question correctly, the test presents a question of increased difficulty. If a student answers incorrectly, the test presents a question of decreased difficulty. As you can see, an adaptive test customizes itself to a student's actual level of performance with a great degree of accuracy.

Giving states the flexibility to use an adaptive test and to ask questions outside of grade level will improve the accuracy of student assessment and enable educators to target appropriate instruction for each child based on performance at, above, or below grade level. In addition, using an adaptive test over time will allow accurate measurement of the performance growth of each individual student.

In Wisconsin, hundreds of school districts currently use their own funds to participate in adaptive testing in addition to the state assessment required by NCLB. Educators and administrators appreciate the diagnostic information it yields and the efficiency that it provides. I believe that school districts nationally are already "speaking with their wallets" by spending scarce resources to voluntarily participate in this testing because it provides valuable information that the state assessment does not.

Mr. Speaker, adaptive testing is one of the keys to putting the 'child' back into No Child Left Behind. I hope that our colleagues will join us in this pragmatic and responsible improvement to the law as we work towards a bipartisan reauthorization this year.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARLESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Charlestown Historical Society on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

The Charlestown Historical Society was founded in 1973 at the home of Ms. Betty Stonorov to discover and maintain the rich historical heritage of Charlestown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Society currently boasts over 160 members and is led by President John W. Pittock, who has served in that capacity since 2007. The Society meets



at the historic Wisner-Rapp House, which was built in 1835 by Revolutionary War soldier Jacob Wisner.

The Charlestown Historical Society has supported the preservation, repair and stabilization of the Woolen Mill, which was established in 1725 and acquired by the Township in 2002. In 2011, the Society published a book entitled "Historical Sketches of Charlestown" which highlighted the historical roots of the Township. This book contains the original manuscript written in 1943 by resident Harman D. Rees and includes additional sketches and art by Charlestown Historical Society members and Township residents.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of its 40th anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Charlestown Historical Society, Chester County, Pennsylvania, for its contributions to exploring and maintaining the rich historical heritage of Charlestown Township.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,821,943,986.12. We've added \$6,111,944,895,073.10 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2013, I inadvertently missed rollcall vote No. 146, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

#### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY

#### HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 2013 the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company will celebrate their 150th anniversary at the New York City Public Library on 42nd Street. Originally founded in San Francisco, California in 1863 with a mission to assist the widows and orphans of fallen firefighters, the Fireman's Fund grew into a national company with significant size operations in New York City and other locations throughout the United States.

The Fireman's Fund has played an important role in New York's history with the company insuring, among other things, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St Louis flight from New

York to Paris in 1927, the construction of the Radio City Music Hall during the 1930's and the World Heavyweight Championship Fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali in Madison Square Garden. More recent work of note has been the company's tremendous response efforts to the 9/11 World Trade Center Tragedies, and its excellent work in coming to the assistance of those who suffered damages to their homes and businesses during the 2012 Hurricane Sandy disaster.

Over the last eight years the Fireman's Fund Heritage Program has provided over \$30 million in grants to Fire Departments throughout the nation, allowing them to purchase safety equipment and training services that might otherwise have gone unattended during this difficult time of constrained public spending. Closer to home, the company has given \$630,000 to New York City and another \$1.2 million to the rest of New York State. Furthermore, on June 12, 2013 at a public ceremony, the Fireman's Fund will present checks awarded under the auspices of three of its major insurance agents that total more than \$60,000.

New York City has always played a prominent role in the United States and international insurance business, and we are pleased that the Fireman's Fund and its affiliated companies have chosen to be in lower Manhattan providing quality jobs and excellent risk management services to America's businesses and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Fireman's Fund today and we commend the company and its employees for the valuable services they continue to provide. In our transitory times, 150 years is an impressive feat and we extend best wishes for the continued success of the company. May it grow and prosper, bringing with it the company's generous legacy of assisting the Firefighter whose daily lives are dedicated to our own personal safety.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN DAN JOHNSON

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Dan Johnson on his installation as Post Commander of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 in Oak Lawn, Illinois. As a decorated veteran, a dedicated citizen, and a loyal patriot, Captain Johnson continues to serve his community and his tireless dedication deserves our recognition.

An active member of the United States Army since 1992, Captain Johnson has served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as a Platoon Leader and on Security Forces Assistance Advisor Teams. He has earned 17 awards, including the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Bronze Star.

Captain Johnson is a resident of Oak Lawn, Illinois, so I am especially proud to have such a committed serviceman from the 3rd Congressional District. I am confident that his leadership will be an asset to the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, and thank him for his service and commitment to his fellow countrymen.

Today I stand and ask you to join me in honoring Captain Dan Johnson on his new po-

sition as Commander of Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JIM HANSEN'S RETIREMENT

#### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Jim Hansen, principal of Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California. Jim will be retiring this year after serving the East Bay as both a principal and a teacher for over three decades. I benefitted personally from his thoughtful leadership when I was a student at Wells Middle School during his time as principal there.

Jim was born and raised in the East Bay, where he attended St. Joseph's College High School. After high school, Jim worked his way through college where he held positions as a gardener, maintenance man, and many interesting jobs. He went to school at University of California, Berkeley, where he majored in history.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Jim took his first teaching job at St. Clement's School in Hayward, where he taught sixth grade science and physical education. While Jim was teaching at St. Clement's, he also coached the Pleasanton Valley swim team. Jim then began teaching at St. Elizabeth's school.

Jim transferred to Village High School in the Amador Valley Joint Union School District, teaching English to freshman and sophomore students. While teaching, Jim attended San Francisco State University, where he received his Master's degree in Education Technology. He later received his Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Hayward.

In 1988, Jim became the principal of Valley Continuation High School in Dublin, while also serving as vice principal for Wells Middle School. Jim has also served as principal at Dublin High School, Wells Middle School, Harvest Park Middle School, and, most recently, at Amador Valley High School.

Today, Jim resides in San Ramon, where he has lived with his wife, Judy and children, Kelly, Kevin, and Brian since 1986. Jim's service to the East Bay as both a teacher and administrator will be remembered for his openness and accessibility to both students and parents. I wish Jim the best in his retirement.

#### HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGER

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 60th anniversary of The Villager. Born to give neighborhoods in Saint Paul, Minnesota a voice, the Villager is a local newspaper dedicated to covering Highland Village and other neighborhoods. Since 1953, the Villager has served as an important source of news to its loyal readers. Today it continues

to be the voice of Highland Village and beyond and the trusted go-to-source for local news.

The Villager began when Barry Prichard and Arnold Hed were seeking a way for merchants in the Highland Village area of Saint Paul to connect with local shoppers. Mr. Prichard and Mr. Hed were helped in their venture by Harold Shapira, the de facto mayor of Highland, who endorsed the Villager as the "Official Publication of Highland Village Merchants." As time progressed, the Villager turned from a local bulletin board of events and news briefs, to a full-fledged community newspaper. Today, the villager is freely distributed in over 10 Twin Cities neighborhoods, and has a regular readership of over 100,000 people—making it the largest neighborhood newspaper in the Twin Cities.

Much has changed in Highland Village and the surrounding area since the first edition of the Villager was published. In 1953 the first color ad ran, featuring rib steaks for 49 cents a pound and salad dressing at 32 cents a quart and an article on the dedication of the \$100,000 Ford Auto Workers Union meeting hall. In recent times, the Villager has reported on main community topics such as the closure of Saint Paul's Ford plant (after 86-years) and subsequent redevelopment efforts for the site, as well as the restoration of the historic Union Depot multi-modal transit hub in downtown Saint Paul.

Born to give our Saint Paul neighborhoods a voice, the Villager has evolved throughout the years, but has continued to keep the journalistic integrity that makes the paper a reputable source of information throughout our community.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Villagers' dedication to the businesses and residents of the many neighborhoods it serves, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 60th Anniversary of this Saint Paul publication.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JUNE 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine sex trafficking and exploitation in America,

focusing on child welfare's role in prevention and intervention.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reducing duplication and improving outcomes in Federal information technology.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine the state of the American dream, focusing on economic policy and the future of the middle class.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, and Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

##### JUNE 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Architect of the Capitol, Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police.

SD-138

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine programs and activities of the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 534, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Froman, of New York, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine labor issues in Bangladesh.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 394, to prohibit and deter the theft of metal, and the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, and Vernon S. Broderick, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine a progress report 3 years after the Deepwater Horizon disaster, focusing on Gulf restoration.

SR-253

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

##### JUNE 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

SD-366

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

6 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

## JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

## JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Syrian refugees in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the United States and international response to the humanitarian crisis that threatens to destabilize the entire region.

SD-562

## JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

## JUNE 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine water resource issues in the Klamath River Basin.

SD-366

## POSTPONEMENTS

## JUNE 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine long term sustainability for reverse mortgages, focusing on Home Equality Conversion Mortgage's (HECM) impact on the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund.

SD-538

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine building job opportunities for veterans.

SH-216

## JUNE 6

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the progress made by Native Hawaiians toward stated goals of the Hawaiian Homelands Commission Act.

SD-366